

Winklers, Tex

5-2-44

Mr. C. W. Stevens

Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

My Dear Mr. Stevens.

I appreciated your letter, but under the circumstances have been unable to write, my boy remains here sent here, He buried him the 21st of April. There was a delay of a month from the time of the first wire saying the wreckage of the plane had been found, until the second wire saying he would be brought in the 20 or 21st of April. My Son had mentioned your son and wife. He mentioned the crew as a whole, your son was the only one he mentioned by name. He liked him very much, had them out to dinner one night. Bob was my only living son and my baby. He was a wonderful boy and very dear to me. There is no consolation for me, was a horrid death for all these boys to die, then to lie there all those months as was. I am sending you the snap shot asked for, taken last May in Marshall Tex, by his sister in law, whose husband, my oldest son, ~~that~~ died Feb 8-42. He, and his wife drove<sup>in</sup> to my back yard Tues. afternoon May 3rd, so happy to get home again. Left for Ft. Worth May 5th-43 for Ft. Worth, Tex. on their way to Tucson Arizona, where he thought he would be located for combat training, but they moved him twice, as you may know, to Blythe, then to Salinas, from which place he went to his death. I am glad to send this picture, while his



Cap shag off his face, is very much like  
him, except in life, He always had a smile.  
He had such beautiful teeth, Hair and eyes.  
With his wonderful smile, which he always hid  
for me, He was considered a good looking  
Boy, and He was so sweet, kind and considerate  
of me. I love Boys and my heart goes out  
in deep and understanding sympathy to the  
Parents of all the Sons on the Plane, Has such a  
waste of Human life. I wish I could know some  
of the Details and Cause of the accident, but  
suppose I never will. I hope you are able to get  
snapshots of all of the Boys, and complete your  
Scrap Book. I have numerous snapshots of Base  
taken when younger, but most of them were with  
some one, Thought you would like this better.  
Excuse this long letter and the details, that's  
the Mother in me. To me, he was the sweetest Boy  
in the World. He volunteered wanted to do his part,  
But he certainly wanted to come back. Excuse  
my delay in writing, am glad to send you his  
Pictures.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Base Gorman  
Wineboro, Texas